

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

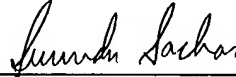
Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present application is a divisional of co-pending parent U.S. application serial no. 09/409,424. In that parent application claims 1-16 withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention were cancelled to place that Parent Application in condition for allowance. The present new Divisional Application is submitted to further prosecute those withdrawn and subsequently cancelled claims from the parent of the present application.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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